Can a Believer Grow When Fed Only on Sermons?

Do you believe that a person can truly be born again if he lives alone, without being a member of the Church of Christ? (Col. 2:19)

 Answer: No — Explanation: A born-again person cannot live in isolation, but is automatically placed by the Lord as a member of His Body, that is, the living Church, made up of born-again people. As it is written: “And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.” (Acts 2:47)

Scripture clearly states that it is God who places each member in the Body: "But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body, as He chose" (1 Corinthians 12:18).

This means that being born again is not just an individual experience, but a divine integration into a living Body, where each believer is first served as a child—fed, cared for, and trained—so that, in time, he himself may serve, having a place, a function, and a responsibility in the edification of others.

Just as a member cannot live apart from the body, so a born-again Christian cannot live apart from brotherly fellowship, rebuke, teaching, and mutual service: "For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body..." (1 Corinthians 12:13) "For just as the body is one and has many members... so also is Christ." (1 Corinthians 12:12)

Being born again makes you part of a living Body. If someone lives alone, without fellowship, without close ties to other members of the Body of Christ, without being under spiritual authority and without serving others, that person is not born again, but only has a form of godliness. God does not give birth to children to leave them isolated, but places them places them in the Body of Christ. (God has set the members in the body... 1 Cor. 12:18)

 Answer: Yes (incorrect) — Explanation: To say that you can be born again and yet live alone, without being a member of a living assembly, means:

• Ignoring the organic and interdependent nature of the Body of Christ.

• Living an individualistic faith, disconnected from the biblical model of fellowship and mutual service.

• To deny the work of the Holy Spirit, who unites all who are born again into one Body.

Such a life shows that no authentic new birth has taken place, because a person born of God will seek fellowship, will feel the need for correction, teaching, and service. Isolation is a sign of spiritual death, not new life. ("And not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God." Colossians 2:19)

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